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REPLY UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MASHINO, Shigemi et al. Conf.: 8580
Appl. No.: 10/005,075 Group: 1731
Filed: December 7, 2001 Examiner: Dionne A. Walls
For: SHREDDED TOBACCO SUPPLY APPARATUS OF
CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINE

REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 5, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the August 5, 2003 Final Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks.